REMARKS

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled and the limitations therein amended upon their incorporation into claim 1. It is believed the informality has been corrected.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

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Paragraphs 3-8 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,197,600 to Garcia. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,197,600 to Garcia. Claims 6-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4 and 6 have been incorporated into amended claim 1 and claim 1, along with all claims ultimately depending therefrom, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

Paragraph 9 of the Office Action

Claim 17 is allowed.

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New Claims

New claims 18-22 have been added to vary the scope of the claims. No new matter has been added and all references therein are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed. Claim 18 includes the combined limitations of originally filed claims 1 and 12. Based on the prior art, it is believed that claims 18-22 are in condition for allowance.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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